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**Re: Response to USEPA Comments Regarding Additional Groundwater Studies Report
United States of America v. AK Steel Corporation et. al.
Case No. 1:10-cv-00996-KMO
Chemical Recovery Systems Site, Elyria, Ohio**

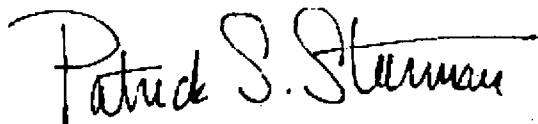
Dear Ms. Kerr:

On October 9, 2012, Steerman Environmental Management & Consulting ("Steerman Environmental"), on behalf of the Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc. ("CRS") Site Remedial Design/Remedial Action ("RD/RA") Group Settling Performing Defendants ("Group"), submitted a draft Additional Groundwater Studies ("AGWS") Report to U.S. EPA. In a letter dated November 15, 2012, U.S. EPA provided questions and comments on the draft report. CRS RD/RA Group consultants, Brown and Caldwell, Inc. ("Brown and Caldwell") and EHS Support ("EHS"), reviewed U.S. EPA comments and prepared draft responses that were discussed during a December 12, 2012 conference call between U.S. EPA, CRS RD/RA Group members, Brown and Caldwell, EHS, and Steerman Environmental. Based on a discussion of the draft responses, and additional comments provided by U.S. EPA during the conference call, Brown and Caldwell prepared the attached response to U.S. EPA comments and the Final AGWS Report. A "red-line" version of the Final AGWS Report text, which highlights changes to the October 9, 2012 report, was provided to you electronically on December 13, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the response to U.S. EPA comments or the revised AGWS Report, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (770) 992-2836, or by electronic message to psteerman@charter.net.

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Best Regards,

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